



Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program

Federal Register 12/05/06, p. 70583

Purpose: To enhance the protection of national parks and federal lands, and increase the enjoyment of those visiting them.

Eligibility: State, tribal, and local governments with jurisdiction over land in the vicinity of an eligible area.

Funding: \$23 million.

Deadline: 2/16/07.

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Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition: Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education (CFDA No. 84.116N)

Federal Register 12/22/06, p. 77000

Purpose: To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education (IHEs) or combinations of IHEs and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies.

Funding: \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the first year for up to 10 awards.

Deadline: 4/13/07.

Contact: Sylvia W. Crowder, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education, Tel. (202) 502-7514.

Fusion Arts Exchange Programs on Music Composition and Performance; Digital Media and Computer-Assisted Design; Screenwriting and Film Production; and Sports Management

Federal Register 12/7/06, p. 71016

Purpose: To provide outstanding undergraduate students an intensive, collaborative course on the latest developments in their respective fields (music composition and performance; digital media and computer-assisted design; screenwriting and film production; and sports management), and in the history and culture of the U.S. as illuminated through the lens of their fields. Participants will also learn about careers and economic development opportunities for their communities related to their field, and have the chance to develop on-going collaborations with their fellow participants.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofit organizations.

Funding: \$1.1 million.

Deadline: 2/9/07.

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Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students (CFDA No. 84.184H)

Federal Register 12/22/06, p. 77004

Purpose: To develop or enhance, implement, and evaluate campus- and community-based strategies to prevent high-risk drinking or violent behavior among college students.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education and consortia thereof; public and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations; and individuals.

Funding: \$150,000 for 18 awards.

Deadline: 2/5/07.

Contact: Richard Lucey, Jr., U.S. Department of

Education, Tel. (202) 205-5471;
E-mail: richard.lucey@ed.gov.

Indian Health Professions Preparatory, Health Professions Pregraduate, and Health Professions Scholarship Programs (CFDA No. 93.971)

Federal Register 12/12/06, p. 74542

Purpose: To encourage American Indians and Alaska Natives to enter the health professions and to assure the availability of Indian health professionals to serve Indians.

Eligibility: American Indians (federally recognized tribal members, state recognized tribal members, and first and second degree descendants of tribal members), or Alaska Natives who have successfully completed high school education or high school equivalency; and have been accepted for enrollment in a compensatory, pre-professional general education course or curriculum. For initial awards, priority will be given to those who are eligible to continue in the section 104 scholarship program to increase the number of Indian health professionals who have an active duty service obligation to work in Indian communities.

Funding: \$14.3 million for 194 awards.

Deadline: 2/28/07.

Contact: Mr. Tony Buckanaga,
Tel. (218) 444-0486.

Information Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities—Using Assistive Technology to Support Development and Learning of Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities, Birth Through Two (CFDA No. 84.327X)

Federal Register 12/19/06, p. 75953

Purpose: To improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities; and provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Eligibility: State educational agencies; local educational agencies (LEAs); public charter schools that are LEAs under state law; institutions

of higher education; other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas; freely associated states; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and for-profit organizations.

Funding: \$435,000.

Deadline: 2/2/07.

Contact: Peggy Cvach or Jane Hauser, U.S. Department of Education, Tel. (202) 245-7314 and (202) 245-7373.

Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students (CFDA No. 84.795N)

Federal Register 12/15/06, p. 75514

Purpose: To provide for professional development activities that will improve classroom instruction for limited English proficient (LEP) children and assist educational personnel working with such children to meet high professional standards, including standards for certification and licensure as teachers who work in language instruction education programs or serve LEP children.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education in consortia with state educational agencies or local educational agencies.

Funding: \$38.1 million for 148 awards.

Deadline: Notice of intent by 2/1/07. Applications by 3/1/07. Intergovernmental review by 5/1/07.

Contact: Patrice Swann, U.S. Department of Education, Tel. (202) 245-7130,
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Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information; Charter School Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 2007 (CFDA No. 84.282A)

Federal Register 12/21/06, p. 76889

Purpose: To increase national understanding of the charter school model and to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools; and to

evaluate the effects of charter schools, including their effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents.

Eligibility: State educational agencies in states with a state statute specifically authorizing the establishment of charter schools.

Funding: \$500,000 to \$20,000,000 per year for 10-12 awards.

Deadline: 2/16/07.

Contact: Dean Kern, U.S. Department of Education, Tel. (202) 260-1882;

E-mail: dean.kern@ed.gov.

Precision Measurement Grants Program (CFDA No. 11.609)

Federal Register 12/19/06, p. 75941

Purpose: To encourage basic, measurement-related research in universities and colleges and other research laboratories and to foster contacts between National Institute of Standards and Technology scientists and those faculty members of academic institutions and other researchers who are actively engaged in such work.

Eligibility: Colleges and universities.

Funding: \$100,000 for up to three years.

Deadline: 2/2/07.

Contact: For complete information about this program and instructions for applying by paper or electronically, read the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) Notice at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (McNair) Program (CFDA No. 84.217A)

Federal Register 12/1/06, p. 69552

Purpose: To award grants to institutions of higher education for projects designed to provide disadvantaged college students with effective preparation for doctoral study.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education and consortia of those institutions.

Funding: \$41.9 million.

Deadline: 1/31/07.

Contact: Eileen S. Bland, Tel. (202) 502-7600; E-mail: TRIO@ed.gov.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Federal Register 12/8/06, p. 71124

Purpose: To improve the economic conditions of rural areas and provide assistance which may include technical assistance for business development and economic development planning.

Eligibility: Native American, empowerment zones, enterprise communities, and rural economic area partnerships.

Funding: \$150,000.

Deadline: 3/30/07.

Contact: U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Office, Tel. (217) 403-6200/ TDD (217) 403-6240.

State and Tribal Response Programs

Federal Register 12/12/06, p. 74525

Purpose: To ensure that state and tribal response programs include, or are taking reasonable steps to include, certain elements and a public record.

Eligibility: States and tribes.

Funding: \$1.5 million.

Deadline: 2/15/07.

Contact: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment, Tel. (202) 566-2777.

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders

Federal Register 12/28/06, p. 78261

Purpose: To provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the U.S., while enhancing their leadership skills.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).

Funding: \$2.3 million.

Deadline: 2/16/07.

Contact: Jennifer Phillips, Branch for the Study of the United States, U.S. Department of State, Tel. (202) 453-8537; E-mail: PhillipsJA@state.gov.

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